



## Hill Chapels Rouse Christmas Spirit

The five Post chapels will be busy centers of religious celebration from Dec. 23 through Dec. 25. The following special services will be held.

Dec. 23, 1943

- (A.A.F.F.S.) Chapel No. 1, 1800-2100 Catholic Confession
- (A.A.F.C.C.) Chapel No. 5, 1800-2100 Catholic Confession
- (A.A.F.C.C.) Service Club No. 2, A.A.F.C.C. 2000-2300 Christmas Service and Social for the 28, 71, 993, 884, Av. Sqs. and Medical Detachment.

Dec. 24, 1943 Christmas Eve

- (A.A.F.F.S.) Chapel No. 1, 1900 Protestant Service. Christmas Cantata, "King all Glorious" by Choir, Riverside Park Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.
- (A.A.F.F.S.) Chapel No. 2, 2130-2230 Informal Sing and Party (Protestant)
- 2230-2300 Service of Worship (Protestant)
- (A.A.F.F.S.) Chapel No. 3, 1500-1800 Episcopal Confessions and Spiritual Consultation
- 2000 Protestant Service
- (A.A.F.C.C.) Chapel No. 4, 1830 Christmas Carol Service (Protestant)
- 2330 Midnight Eucharist (Protestant)
- Christmas Eve, all evening, Organ Music and choir loft fellowship. Consultations.

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## Club For EM Only

To relieve crowded conditions in the EM Club, officers, civilians and cadets will be served early morning coffee and doughnuts in the PX two doors north of the EM Club, Bldg. 2102. Enlisted men only will be served in the EM Club from 0800 until closing time at 2200.

Addressing the civilian employees in the Service Club No. 1 (upper left) Col. Michael F. Davis commended them for "loyal and patient cooperation in getting the job done". (Upper right). Charles M. Kelly was presented with a \$100 cash award for his contribution to the war effort; lower left. The colonel presented the awards to a member designated to represent each department; (lower right). The employees, and the department represented, were; first row, left to right, Sam Merade, tailor shop, Ruth M. Clifton, Station Hospital; Mae B. Garner, Classification Center; Colonel Davis; Mary E. McCabe, Preflight; Jean W. Finney, Motor Transportation. Back row, left to right, Max Moore, Custodial Department; Willard H. Boone, Post Engineers, Henry J. Planert, Quartermaster; Erin M. Kohr, Finance Office; Charles M. Kelley, Post Engineers, Bernice A. Hill, Mail and Records, Post Headquarters.

## CIVILIANS RECEIVE EMBLEMS; ENGINEER GETS \$100 AWARD

Eight hundred and fifty-seven civilian employees of the Center were awarded the War Department's Emblem for Civilian Service at a program held in the auditorium of Service Club No. 1 at 1530 Wednesday.

One employee, Charles M. Kelley, Route 2, Atascosa, a foreman attached to the Corps of Engineers unit, was presented a \$100 special cash award for his invention and construction of an ingenious grass planting device which has made possible the growing of lawns throughout the Post. Such cash awards are authorized by the War Department for ideas furthering military work, and distribution is made by post committees of officers who receive employees' suggestions.

Col. Michael F. Davis pinned one of the emblems upon a representative of the civilian employees of each of the various departments of the Post. The remainder of the emblems were given to officers in charge of departments for distribution to the other civilian individuals who had earned them.

COLONEL DAVIS TALKS TO CIVILIANS

"You are all volunteers," Col. Davis said to the assembled civilian employees, explaining why

they were being publicly honored for their part in the war effort. "Most of you are making some sacrifice in order to do your part in accomplishing our great objective. With few exceptions, you were assigned duties with which you were wholly unfamiliar. The task was more difficult because you found yourself in a military environment, which of necessity is far more formal than your previous experience . . . I take great pleasure in commending you for your loyal and patient cooperation in getting the job done. We are proud of you and pledge that we will do all that is possible to keep your working conditions fair, equitable and congenial."

CIVILIANS HAVE RATINGS FOR AWARD

The civilian award might be compared to a soldier's Good Conduct ribbon. It is a ribbon of the style of military service ribbons and bears the insignia of the branch of the service employing the person to whom it is awarded. It is

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## GENERAL SPAATZ AND THE 15TH US AIR FORCE

By Cpl. John Merritt

For some five or six weeks now, the 15th US Air Force has figured in communiques from the Mediterranean theater, the Italian front, and the air offensive against Germany. What is the 15th Air Force, where is it, why is it? What about its CO?

On 2 November, 1943, General Eisenhower announced the formation of the new 15th. This new unit was to be teamed with the veteran US 12th of North African fame in an all-American Mediterranean air arm under Lt. Gen. Carl A. "Tooney" Spaatz. Both the 12th and the 15th operate in conjunction with the RAF and French units under an over-all Allied command.

The 15th is based in North Africa, Sicily, and the network of airfields at Foggia in southern Italy. Its task is to concentrate on long-range strategic bombing against Germany and military targets in occupied and satellite countries.

Here are a few of the many targets the 15th has reached out to smash: industries and communications in North Italy, particularly the famous Brenner Pass; Nazi U-boats and air bases in Southern France;

## CIVILIANS GET AWARDS

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given to each employee of the War Department who has had more than six months' consecutive service under the department and holds a rating of good or better. The higher ratings are "very good" and "excellent."

Virtually all the civilians winning the award were present at the Cadet Center ceremony Wednesday.

The Center's oldest employee, in point of service with the War Department, are John T. Brady, 535 Peck Street, San Antonio, in charge of duplicating machine work in the ground school, whose service has been continuous since April 24, 1918; and B. A. Hill, 717 Burleson Street, chief clerk of the Post's message center, who has almost 11 years of unbroken service.

## PENCIL PUSHIN' PAPAS

From Ed Sullivan's column in the NY News comes a poem purportedly from an anonymous member of the cast of the Air Force Show, "Winged Victory".

Sung to the tune of "The Army Air Corps", the parody goes.

"Here we go, into the file case yonder,  
Diving deep into the drawer,  
Here it is, buried away down under  
That damned legal stuff we've been searching for.  
Off we go, into the CO's office  
Where we get one helluva roar--  
We live in miles of paper files,  
But nothing will stop the Army Chair Corps."

Nazi-held ports in Yugoslavia and Albania; railways in Bulgaria and Nazi airdromes in Greece; the southern German industrial area, especially pasting the Messerschmitt factories in Austria.

The CO of the outfit, Gen. Spaatz, is a veteran airman and organizer of the powerful 8th US Air Force, based in Britain and operating far and wide over Germany.

## WIPING OUT THE LUFTWAFFE

Then Spaatz was called to North Africa to take over the scattered Allied air forces operating haphazardly against the Germans. He organized the thousands of planes, operating from scores of bases, which wiped the Luftwaffe from the skies over Tunisia and Sicily.

One of our first Army pilots in 1916, he was in charge of an aviation instruction school in France. Later he served at the front, shot down 3 German planes, and won the DSC.



## COURAGE CLARIFIED

By Chaplain G. E. Jaques

One word we do not talk about very much in the Army is courage, but we almost never stop thinking about it, for it is one of the most important virtues necessary to winning a war.

All of us want courage. It is necessary, however, that we clarify our thinking regarding it. There are different kinds of courage, of which physical courage is one, but only one kind. This is one of the greatest mistakes men make on entering the Army. They know that courage is demanded and they are not certain that they possess it. They are sure their buddies can't fail to note its absence. So, they adopt a hard attitude and use blasphemous and obscene language to convince themselves and their buddies that they are tough and therefore have courage. They also do other things which at home they would be ashamed to do.

All of which indicates not physical courage, but the lack of moral courage. Most men have a streak of weakness in their makeup somewhere and it ill behooves us to talk about the lack in anyone else. However, a lack of physical courage cannot be made up by showing a lack of moral courage.

The story is told of a young Christian who went to work in a lumber camp. He was warned that it would not be easy there as they did not care for religion. He replied that he would make it all right. After some months he returned to his home. Upon being asked how he made out, he replied, "Fine, they never did find out I was a Christian."

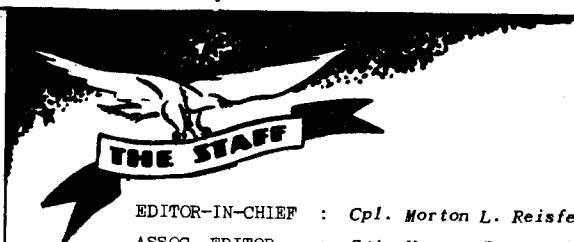
We like to think of ourselves as a Christian nation. We are fighting to maintain certain ideals which we like to think of as Christian. Let us make certain that as individuals we ourselves do not lose what we as a nation are trying to gain for the world.

The SAACC riding stables afford an opportunity to ride. Call Ext. 3315 for a reservation--this activity is popular.

by Sansone



"Your new orderly, Sir. His CO says he—er—needs over-seas duty."



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# WAC'S LETTER ENCOURAGES NEW HESITANT ENLISTERS

Enlisted men at the Cadet Center probably know that there is a campaign in progress to recruit WACs especially for service with the Army Air Forces.

The following personal letter written by a brand new recruit to a prospective recruit — released for publication, with the writer's approval, by headquarters of the Central Flying Training Command, Randolph Field — provides concise information for soldiers who might know of other prospective recruits for this service.

## THE LETTER SAYS, IN PART:

*'I have just signed an application form for an enlistment in the*

## ASTP TRAINEES NUMBER

**2000; WILL BE 10,000 PER  
MONTH BY SPRING OF 1944**

To date nearly 2,000 men have graduated from the Army Specialized Training Program. Started a year ago, this program has taken men from every post in the country, including SAACC.

The total of assigned graduates constitutes more than two-thirds the number of soldiers who entered the inaugural term of ASTP in April, 1943.

## NUMBER OF GRADUATES TO INCREASE

The flow of graduates will increase greatly in the coming months as the courses are completed. By the spring of 1944, the rate of graduates will exceed 10,000 a month.

A survey of the disposition of a number of sample groups of graduates indicates the facility with which the ASTP has operated in meeting the immediate needs of the army.

For example some graduates have been assigned to medical and psychological units. They receive ratings of line sergeants and process aviation cadets in the AAF schools. Others are assigned to make classification surveys. Assignments to the Corps of Engineers have included civil engineers, chemists, chemical engineers, mechanical engineers and architects.

## OVERSEAS FOR ASTP ALSO

Many ASTP soldiers are being given responsible overseas assignments.

A number of graduates have been selected for OCS, the Transportation Corps and the Corps of Engineers. The ASTP is not to be regarded, however, as a sure road to a commission, since ASTP graduates must compete with all other enlisted men for selection to fill the limited quotas in OCS.

Having reached the peak of its trainee allotment, the size of future ASTP quotas entering will be determined by vacancies due to graduation and attrition. Only soldiers with the highest qualifications can be selected for admission.

## 66 AWARDED GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

The 509 Sq. and the Veterinary Det. at the Station Hospital awarded 66 Good Conduct Medals to its men. In the 509 Sq. 63 soldiers donned the red ribbon, and in the Vet. Det. there were three, a master, tech, and staff.

*Women's Army Corps for service with the Army Air Forces, and if all goes well from this point I will be a full-fledged Air WAC in a few days.*

*'I have been assured that when I finish my basic training I will be assigned to one of the many stations of the Air Forces, and I can't think of any more important, more interesting way in which to serve my country.*

*'And, believe me, I have been convinced that the Air Forces recognize the value and importance of the WACs and I know that they need thousands more of us for important jobs.*

*'Maybe I will wind up in the important job of directing air traffic from a radio control tower; maybe I'll learn how to instruct in the Link-Trainer -- that fascinating 'airplane' that does everything but fly; or maybe I'll get to be a dispatcher, whose job it is to keep track of every single airplane.*

*'But whatever duty I am called upon to perform, I know it will be vital and useful. There are 155 jobs open to WACs in the Air Forces, and they need hundreds of us for every one of those jobs.*

*'I know that you meet the general qualifications for the WAC and I honestly believe that if you investigate the whole matter you will want to apply -- as I did -- for enlistment as an Air WAC.'*

## SEE HEAD WAC RECRUITER

Prospective recruits may obtain further information from Capt. Charles J. Giezendanner, WAC recruiting officer for the Post in the Public Relations Office, Post Headquarters, Building 1000.



## AIR FIELD COMMANDER'S WIFE SIGNS UP AN AIR WAC

Mr. Carlisle I. Ferris, right, wife of Col. Ferris, CO of Ft. Worth AAF, was one of the first to produce results after Mrs. Barton K. Yount, wife of Lt. Gen. Yount, commanding general of the AAFTC, asked all wives of all officers in the command to aid personally in the Air WAC recruiting campaign. Miss Lula Maud Ferris of 509 W. Second St., Ft. Worth, is shown signing her application for enlistment as Capt. Doris C. Clark, CO of the AAF WAC Det., Ft. Worth AAF, looks on.

## CHRISTMAS DAY TO BE OPEN HOUSE

There will be a Christmas program in both Service Clubs on Christmas day. All men are invited to attend with their wives or friends.

The Field House is planning a Post basketball game, schedule to be announced in a few days.

On the night of the 23 the colored troops will have Christmas services in Cadet Club No. 2.

## YULETIDE MOVIES

The theatre office has announced there will be movies in the Post theatres starting at 0930 at #3 and 4 Christmas morn. In theatres #1 and 2 they will start at 1000. They will be continued in the afternoon and in the evening, starting at 1300 at theatres #3 and #4, and 1330 at theatres #1 and 2. Watch the Daily Bulletin and THE YB for the Christmas Day schedule.



A religious program for the Hq. and Hq. 332 Sq. members, their friends and families will be held in Chapel #1 Dec. 22 at 2000. Sgt. Kevin Stokes is in charge of arrangements.

## QUARTET TO SING

The program will include an introduction by Major Edward S. Hewitt, Squadron CO, a Gospel and a Candle Service and Christmas hymns by the congregation, a solo by Sgt. Bob Freeman and Christmas carols by a quartet of four, Sgts. Freeman and Barnard, and Cpls. Behlke and Hardin. Sgt. Stokes will give a closing prayer.

This is believed to be the first such program ever planned in the Cadet Center.

## SECOND TURKEY FEAST

Christmas Day, the second turkey feast of the year will be eaten by the enlisted men of SAACC.

To avoid the long queue line that developed Thanksgiving, EM will be served at 1100 according to Maj. Matt R. Story, assistant mess officer. Guests will be charged 75 cents per person as per telegram from the Eighth Service Command and will be served at 1300.

New Year's Day will also be turkey day for service men, but no guests will be allowed.

## YUPON AND MISTLETOE

Lt. James A. Moore, Service Club No. 1 officer, mentions green and red electric lights that will be strung over the front porch entrance on the west. Inside a Christmas tree from the rich pine forests of East Texas will rest with full Yuletide decoration. Yupon (evergreen leaves with red berries) and mistletoe will be looped under the balcony. A similar decorative pattern may be expected in Service Club No. 2. Parties in these two establishments will occur, but plans for exact dates are not yet forthcoming.

The 908 Sq. will hold a party in town. However, the spot has not been selected.

## PROVING IMPORTER



What are your impressions of the USO centers in San Antonio?

PVT. CHARLES BERMAN, 1043 Guard Sq.—"I usually go to the JWB-USO on Quincy and Main Ave. They are doing a fine job in providing a 'hangout' for servicemen. The difference in USOs is readily seen after you have been stationed in Salt Lake City where people aren't too friendly."

The same faces are seen at the JWB and after a few weeks everyone knows the next person. Considering the size of the city, San Antonio is doing a great thing for men in the Army and Navy. What hits home is the chocolate cake, coffee, and Lubels next door. I can just eat that corn beef sandwich, close my eyes, and dream about Chicago."

PFC JOE BAKER, 888 Mess Sq.—"The services at the Catholic USO in town are very much like home. I usually go to the USO to relax, read, write letters, and meet pretty girls who are looking for company."

PVT. JOHN STAVOLA, 1943 Guard Sq.—"My favorite USO in the city is the Army-Y where I find plenty of people to talk to that are exceedingly friendly. Two sailors I met last week were in several major battles in the Pacific. There are many recreational activities I like at the USO—ping pong, pool, and dancing. The main thing is, however, the Army-Y provides a place of entertainment for the soldier who otherwise wouldn't have anything to do. They are certainly doing their part."

CPL. JACK BEHLKE, Hq. and 332 Sq.—"Not that I have anything against the USO, but I don't like the usual run of 'USO girls' because there is too much competition. I seldom go to the USO anyway. I haven't the need for magazines or writing service since I get it in the Day Room of the squadron but I did appreciate the fine USO service at the railroad terminal in Chicago when I went on furlough."

Sgt. EUGENE J. SULLIVAN, 2052 Ord. Co.—"In the past 13 months I've been to the USO two times, not that I have anything against it—it's a fine organization—but when I go to town I'd rather have a date and go dancing at the Tower. When I get a three-day pass I spend my time at Houston with my parents so I never see the inside of a USO there. From what I hear from the men in the barrack, the USO does a remarkable job of keeping them happy."

Sgt. WADE MASSENGILL, 509 Sq.—"The USO in San Antonio is doing a fine job. I've been in the Army for five years and have seen other towns that do not even offer suitable recreation to the servicemen. Since I work at night in the theater I seldom go into the movies in town. When I do get a night off, it's usually spent at the NCCS or Army-Y. They have a variety of games, stationery, service, and girls. You can really relax and take it easy in any one of the many USOs in San Antonio. The men who gripe about it should compare it with the small towns elsewhere in the South."

S/Sgt. DANIEL J. HEALY, 881 Sq.—"I have never been to any USO; primarily because I have always lived with my wife since I have been in the Army. I did come in contact with the USO services when I went on furlough. The volunteers in the St. Louis railroad terminal are doing a swell job. I was tired and drowsy when the train pulled in at

## FILM SHOWS WORLD HOW RUSSIANS RESISTED,

### DROVE NAZIS BACK

BATTLE OF RUSSIA was a must on every GI list. Although it was required, the film turned out to be educational and absorbing. In these two reels the service man can get the best idea he could possibly have of what lay behind the Red Army that knocked the invincibility from what had been an all victorious Nazi army.

Key to the success of the Russians against an army superior in equipment is the vast tundra that is Soviet Russia, and the ability of the Red Army to retreat without its lines being broken. Under Germany's initial assault one front line melted into a second behind it so that the further the Russians retreated the stronger became their defense. At Stalin-grad they fought the great battle of history. Red infantry fought from street to street; building to building; room to room. The Germans were bogged down.

Only one avenue was left open to the Russians for supplies and ammunition—frozen Lake Ladoga. It served as a lifeline in the dead of winter and across which a railroad was built to bring medical supplies and fresh troops.

To the spearheads of the Allied offensive up to the spring of

## CAPT. HUGH PRATHER, ASS'T. POST EXECUTIVE, PROMOTED.



Capt. Hugh E. Prather, assistant executive officer of SAACC, was recently advanced to that rank. Except for brief service at Randolph Field, he has been on duty on this Post since his commission last year. Captain Prather is a native of Dallas, Texas.

## COLORED EM DANCE IN SERVICE CLUB DEC. 29

An all colored dance will be held at Service Club No. 2. Members of Sqs. 28, 993, and 71, will attend. Arrangements for the dance will be handled by Sgt. Joseph H. Thompson and S/Sgt. Marcellus Cooper. USO hostesses and EM wives will be on hand.

St. Louis and the USO provided me with shaving equipment and later sandwiches and coffee. To most of the men in the Army who aren't married, or who do not have their wives with them, the USO is a wonderful organization.

PFC JIM KIRBY, 29 Alt. Tng. Unit—"The USO appears dull and not very exciting. It is OK once in a while for writing letters and reading current magazines. The men I go with use the Catholic USO and Methodist Center as a meeting place. As for me, I like a few bottles of beer and a date."

1942 go the desperate thanks of all concerned with the downfall of Nazism and Jap insolence. Back of the Russian fight and not brought out by the picture is an indifference to death, which is entirely Slavic in origin. Another fact brought out in the picture was the fact that while Leningrad was under fire her factory folk kept building guns and ammunition. At Christmas the soldier took time to say something cheery to his buddy and in the next breath the artilleryman shouted, "Fire".

When spring came and resistance melted with the snow, homes were retaken and loved ones clasped to breast. In reunion there has been strength, even when some were dead. The drive has netted all the land that the Nazis overran so freely. Hitler's brownshirts now back toward satellite Rumania and Hungary, toward tortured Berlin.

## HILL TRIPLES WAR LOAN DRIVE QUOTA

Personnel of the Cadet Center contributed \$14,619.26 to the recent War Chest Drive of San Antonio and Bexar County, according to an announcement by the commanding officer, Col. Michael F. Davis. Donations of Cadet Center personnel almost tripled the \$5,250.00 quota allotted to the Post.

Both civilian and military personnel of the Post were included in the War Chest Drive. The proceeds will be used for maintaining charitable and service institutions.

Colonel Davis commended military personnel and civilian employees for their participation in the drive. He said, "the enthusiastic response of the personnel of this command was extremely gratifying. We can feel proud that our soldiers and our civilian employees, in addition to proving their devotion to their war duties, have far exceeded what was asked of them in contributing to the welfare of those less fortunate than themselves."

## AT THE MOVIES

### THEATERS #1-3

Sat., 18--WOMEN IN BONDAGE with Gail Patrick, Nancy Kelly and Bill Henry.  
Sun., 19 and Mon. 20--HAPPY LAND--with Don Ameche, Frances Dee, Harry Carey and Ann Rutherford.  
Tues., 21 (double feature)--SHE'S FOR ME with Grace McDonald and David Bruce and WHISPERING FOOTSTEPS with Rita Quigley and John Hubbard.  
Wed., 22 and Thurs., 23--GOVERNMENT GIRL with Olivia De Havilland, Sonny Tufts and Anne Shirley.  
Fri., 24--MINESWEEPER--with Richard Arlen and Jean Parker.

### THEATERS #2-4

Sun., 19--BANJO ON MY KNEE (revival) with Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea.  
Mon., 20--WOMEN IN BONDAGE with Gail Patrick, Nancy Kelly and Bill Henry.  
Tues., 21 and Wed. 22--HAPPY LAND with Don Ameche, Frances Dee, Harry Carey, and Ann Rutherford.  
Thurs., 23 (double feature)--SHE'S FOR ME with Grace McDonald and David Bruce and WHISPERING FOOTSTEPS with Rita Quigley and John Hubbard.  
Fri., 24 and Sat. 25--GOVERNMENT GIRL with Olivia de Havilland, Sonny Tufts and Anne Shirley.

The SAACC riding stables affords an opportunity to ride. Call Ext. 3315 for a reservation--this activity is popular.

# Sports

By SGT. BOB CURRY



## STEER SHARPSHOOTERS- TRIM 5 POST IRON MEN 44-38

The Cadet Center Post basketball team bowed in defeat before the relentless onslaught of the University of Texas Steers 44-38, at the Field House Friday night.

Five SAACC starters went the distance in a see-saw affair that saw the score knotted on seven different occasions. The grueling pace exacted its toll, however, as the battling Warhawks let the game slip from their grasp in the final six minutes. Coach Emmett Breen's cagers held a 22-20 lead at the intermission.

### LINEUP OF TEXAS U.

A trio of speed merchants with deadly "basket" eyes, Roy Cox, a 17 year old All-State forward from Houston, Jeff Kemp, and Slater Martin, two-time winner of All-State honors at Jefferson Davis High School in Houston, combined their talents to spell disaster for the Warhawks. It was a pair of shots by Cox and one by Kemp that broke a 36-36 tie that gave Coach "Bully" Gilstrap's Steers the lead which they never relinquished during the last three minutes. Cox and Kemp each pumped five field goals through the hoop, while the Houston redhead added a pair of charity tosses to pace the Longhorn's scoring attack with 12 points.

### RICHARDSON HIGH SCORER

Forward Chuck Richardson of the Cadet Center was high scorer, dropping in four from the floor and five from the foul line for a total of 13. Center Eddie Rathjen drove under the basket to connect four times and bagged one at long range, besides whipping the net with a gift toss to follow closely with 11. John McMahon, who played a whale of a game at guard, racked up nine points, hitting his target mostly from long distance.

	FG	FT	TP
Kemp-f	5	0	10
Cox-f	5	2	12
Steward-c	2	0	14
Hummers-c	1	0	2
Crowley-g	3	2	8
Martin-g	4	0	8

TOTAL 20 4 44

### SAACC

	FG	FT	TP
Easley-f	1	1	3
Richardson-f	4	5	13
Rathjen-c	1	0	2
Breen-g	4	1	9
McMahon-g			

TOTAL 15 8 38

Score at half: SAACC 22 Texas 20. Personal fouls, Cox 3, Stewart 2, Hummers 2, Martin 2, Crowley, total 10. Easley 2, Richardson 2, Breen 2, total 6.

## COACH BREEN DEVELOPS TEAM, PLAYS FORWARD

Lt. Emmett Breen, the man who will guide the destinies of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center enlisted men's basketball team this season, assumes the task backed by a wealth of experience both as an active participant in various athletic activities and as a coach.

Breen, who hails from Wichita, Kansas where he resided at 916 Amidon Street, possesses 12 letters to show for his efforts on the gridiron, the court and the cinder path during his college days at Bethany College and Kansas State. He was honored with an All-Big Six Conference halfback berth while playing with Kansas State in 1932. In track he was an all around performer, with an outstanding record in the high and low hurdles, broad jump and high jump. Lt. Breen still retains his institution's record for the broad jump with a



mark of 24 feet, eight and one half inches, placing third in the Olympic tryouts at Lincoln, Nebraska in 1932. To further prove his versatility he was a star forward on the college basketball court for four years, gaining All-American second team recognition while performing at Bethany College.

When the curtain descended on his playing days he followed through with a successful coaching career at Eldorado and Wichita, Kansas before entering the service. At present he is assigned to the Student Officer's Detachment at the Cadet Center as a physical training

## EM CAGE SCHEDULE BEGINS FRIDAY NIGHT

Basketball is soon to come into its own at the Cadet Center. The Enlisted Men's team, coached by Lt. Emmett Breen has already started the winter campaign, while the Officer's quintet, under the guidance of Lt. Alfred Clements, former Boston University basketball and baseball star, is practicing daily in preparation for a rugged schedule.

Besides these two major representatives on the court, 14 teams composed of men from the various squadrons will compete in an Intra-post league. From Friday night, December 17, two nights per week, the Field House will be a beehive of activity as these teams vie for cage supremacy in a schedule that carries through to February 15.

### TWELVE GAMES A WEEK

Playing facilities in the Field House are such as to provide for the playing for three games at one time. Thus a six game schedule twice each week is in the offing.

The following teams have entered according to Lt. Floyd H. Gautsch, Field House director: Hq. & Hq. from Preflight, Hq. & Hq. from Classification Center, Ordnance, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 509, 29 Altitude Training, 1043 Guard Sq., PRU, Medics, and QM Corps. Following is the schedule for opening night the first three games starting at 1900, the last three at 2000.

Hq. & Hq. Preflight vs. Ordnance; 883 vs. Alt. Training; 509 vs. Guard Sq.; Medics vs. Hq. & Hq. AAFCC; 881 vs. 882; 884 vs. 885.

## POST HOTSHOTS HAND MEXICANS 46-18 LACING

The Cadet Center Enlisted Men's basketball team handed the Mexico All Stars, a touring cage aggregation, a decisive 46-18 setback at the Field House Thursday night. The game was a listless affair as the Warhawks toyed with their opponents throughout. The All Stars exhibited plenty of speed but were outclassed in every department of the game, although the Cadet Center five was weakened by the absence of their high scoring forward, Walt Boardl. Coach Emmett Breen's quintet held a commanding half-time lead, 26-6.

The entire cast of the Warhawks contributed to the scoring attack. Chuck Richardson with 11 and Eddie Rathjen and John Easley with 10 each paced the attack. Rathjen continuously retrieved rebounds to stamp him as the outstanding "under-the-basket" man on the floor, both defensively and offensively. Eugenio Rodriguez of the All Stars split the meshes four times for a total of eight points to win top scoring honors for the collegians from south of the border.

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officer with the rank of first lieutenant.

Lt. Breen received his original commission on Jan. 20, 1943 after attending Officer's Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla. He is married and resides at 507 Queen Anne Court in San Antonio.

# PRE FLIGHT

## Pot-pourri

### GENERAL TAKES VACATION IN 509 SQ.

By S/Sgt. Cliff Hilton

General Tucker is quite put out that his basic training classes have been discontinued until after the holidays. It's rumored he's trying to put up a good front. We hear he's darned glad for the rest after that last group.... PFC S.W. Braden seems unusually chipper these days. Maybe his wife's moving to San Antonio has something to do with it.... Cpl. Guido Bordano is sporting around in what looks like a brand new car. Actually, though, it's the same old crate with a new top and paint job—something like these local peroxide blondes.... The next 509 party is scheduled for Jan. 1 at the Gunter Hotel. Instead of the usual type of party, the Squadron has a buffet supper and dance planned. Looks like a good thing from where we're sitting... S/Sgt. Ben Brower decided he couldn't wait until Christmas for his furlough, so he left two weeks early. I guess he needed a vacation from the hub-bub of the orderly room—S/Sgt. Johnny Smith leaves Monday for Kansas City, Mo. We hope the Buick holds up for the trip... S/Sgt. Elmer Fletcher hasn't returned from the hospital as yet. Wonder what's wrong with him? Too much night life, perhaps??? Several of the consistent concertgoers were conspicuous by their absence at the recent concert of Yehudi Menuhin. Cpl. Seymour Kaplan said he didn't go "because I've seen him too often already". After hearing Mr. Menuhin for the first time, it is hard to believe that anyone could ever tire of hearing such a great artist.

Sgt. Howard Dresser has gone back to the days of his college fraternity. He had that old pledging spirit of red, yellow, blue and green socks to match his brown tweed trousers the other day. Howard commented though, "The laundry hasn't come in yet, so I took Mary's anklets!!"

### 29 ALT. TNG. UNIT MEMBERS EAT MORE TURKEY

By PFC Clifford L. Heise  
Photography by  
PFC Robert B. Williams

Since our last contribution to THE YARDBIRD many interesting

things have happened to the 29 Alt. Tng. Unit.

One of our Unit social highlights of the year occurred last month when our CO, Captain Fulton, sponsored a dinner dance for the Unit. The affair was held in the South Terrace Room of the Gunter Hotel. Everyone enjoyed the very tasty turkey dinner which was served at 2030. Dude Skiles and his band officiated at the dinner. All the jitterbugs in our Unit agreed that the Dude plays some solid swing. He favored the less active couples with smooth music. The party was a huge success and we are all looking forward to a similar occasion in the near future. Thanks to the men in the Unit, S/Sgts. Harold P. McMahon and Seymour Phillips on whose shoulders the burden of planning and arranging for the party fell. We think you did a swell job.

#### STORKS AND CIGARS

The stork has singled out the 29 on which to bestow its blessings. Cigars have been a common sight the past few weeks for Capt. Duimstra, Lt. Bricker, and S/Sgt. Warren D. Yell, as they are all the proud fathers of baby sons. Congratulations, gentlemen! You, too, have done a fine job.

#### ON THE PT SIDE OF LIFE

Our basketball team has been practising hard for the inter-squadron games. From the sidelines the team looks good. Cpl. Floyd West, Unit coach, says he expects great things from the men this season. We will hear a lot more from them as the inter-squadron league gets started. Despite the proficiency of all players, the team was greatly weakened by the loss of Sgt. Sonny McMahon and Cpl. J. P. Easley to the SAACC basketball team this year. Watch these performers make points.

#### THE MELTING POT

With the return of the furlough men on the first of the month there have come some rare tales of adventure incurred while on furlough. S/Sgt. Harold P. (Rabbits) McMahon has brought back from Wisconsin wonderful stories of a beautiful woman, and a phenomenon which is never seen in San Antonio—Real SNOW. Cpl. Burton Benedict, who visited sunny California, or to be more specific, Hollywood, brought back a rare and priceless addition to the collection of Pin-up girls on display in the 29 Day Room. Through previous connections and his father, who is a producer, Burt acquired a group of about 20 autographed photographs of some of Hollywood's most beautiful women in their most glamorous moments.



On the SAACC front the men have been doing quite well, too. T/Sgt. Joyce is rumored to have acquired another beautiful young lady for his harem. We might ask Captain Ney about that. She has been calling the chamber in search of Sgt. Joyce. Sgt. Pyle spends a lot of his noon hour at the chamber office. Wonder why? It might be romance. How about it, Sgt. Pyle?

### NOTES AND QUIPS FROM HQ. AND HQ. 332 SQ.

By Sgt. Glen R. Barnard

It's anchors away and a well deserved furlough for Sgt. Abe Honan, who is really floating on air these days, since we may now amiably address him as Father Abe. As yet, we don't know the name of the little tyke, but since Sgt. Abe had the questionable fortune of having the baby born on 1st Sgt's birthday, it is a good bet the baby will be called "Lewis". Nice bucking, Abe.

On the other side of the picture is a lackadaisical Sgt. Bob Pannebaker who has just returned from a well earned furlough. Ever since he has returned, his mind seems to be a thousand miles away. This is evidenced by the fact that many times of late, he has been caught lighting matches and throwing them away. Of course, none of this can be attributed to his newly acquired smoking habit. Sgt. Bob is ready for another furlough already. The point of the story is that, in his few happy moments now, he is always singing "The Gal I Left Behind Me".

Typical Texan Sgt. Wayne Barton has had a sagging lower jaw ever since pay day. It is questionable whether the jaw is the result of loss of sleep or loss of money. At any rate, two distinct personalities clash when fast talking Sgt. Alfano of Joisey, and Sgt. (Tex) Barton, who really has the drawl, start slinging words at each other.

Since the arrival of the wife of Sgt. Beck, no one has even seen the sergeant nor known just what is happening in the boy's young life. His area of barrack 8163 is a dreary portion of the squadron area. Just what kind of strings does that woman hold on the soldier?



Engrossed in the Boogie woogie of pianist Mel Winks are, from left to right: S/Sgt. Archie MacKellar, Pvt. John Dale, and Donald Eggleston.



Gathered around Capt. George Fulton, from left to right are: S/Sgts. Harold Mahon, Seymour Phillips, 1st Sgt. John Scogin, and Mrs. Ney, wife of Capt. Ney, Director of the 29 Alt. Tng. Unit.



## 28 AV. SQ. PROPWASH

By Sgt. Joseph H. Thompson

The colored EM were proud to be the host of the World's Heavy Weight Champion last week. Sgt. Joe Louis, George Nicholson, John Earby, and Sugar Ray Robinson were escorted to the 28 Sq. where a delicious meal was served. Sgt. Joe Louis was introduced by Col. Chester Hill, special service officer, and was greeted in the squadron by the officers and men of the squadron. The Special Service representative, your correspondent, acted as host. Many remarks were made by Louis on the Cleanliness of the squadron and Post. There were several talks on physical training and Joe signed autographs until his hands grew weary. All the personnel of the 28 Sq. as well as the men of the Post are wondering when the "Champ" will come again to SAACC. One soldier lad in the 28 Sq. said "I hope Joe Louis comes soon again; the meal cooked on that occasion was a feast."

## DOUBLE WEDDING IN VIEW

Two sergeants in the squadron have thought about getting married—S/Sgt. Marvin H. Shepherd and Sgt.



Sidney Graves. Graves claims he is waiting to see what Shepherd is going to do, and Shepherd wants to know what Graves has in mind. A hep cat is sure to come along to the rescue (Graves and Shepherd—"You know what these San Antonio jodies are like.")

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## NOTES FROM HQ. &amp; HQ. SQ.

By Sgt. John S. Curtis

Recently five men from the Finance Detachment left the squadron for Laredo, Texas. Sgt. James C. Ford was sent to join a new Bombardment Group. CDD's are thinning out. Last to leave was Cpl. E. J. Twiford. Occasionally a new man or two enters the ranks. We have recently extended the hand of greeting to S/Sgt. Emory Collins who is now working in the CC Supply; Pvt. Lucario, Adkins, Lakes; Cpls. Phelps, Betant.

Inspections are going much better lately with fewer restrictions for dusty footlockers, shoes, lampshades, etc. Can it be that we have developed esprit de corps?

## WALKING RUNNERS

We have three men (names reserved for obvious reasons) who now carry the designation, "walking runners". Because of their lack of foresight, most of the men in the squadron have made it a point to find out the shortest and most expeditious route to the S-3 office. We also are aware that the term "runner" means just that where Post formations are concerned. Funny thing, S/Sgt. Donald Edgar asking a sergeant from the 509 who lives in San Antonio, "Give my love to my wife".

Condolences are in order for Sgt. John Horodnicki who had a spell of rather unfortunate luck. His home burned and several members of his family were seriously burned.

It appears that we will have a hot basketball team this year.

# Classification

## CONTOURS

## 885 FROLICS SATURDAY ON EIGHTH FLOOR OF ELKS CLUB

By Sgt. Unto Hantunen and Cpl. Ed Krasinski

The 885 had a high old time eight stories above the glittering lights of downtown San Antonio. On the first Saturday of the month the 885 members, with their wives and girl friends, gathered in the Ballroom of the Elks Club and dined and danced all night -- or a good part of it.

Without question everyone had a good time, and the common plea was a repeat of the same--with much more of the same.

## ELEVATOR GIVES TRANSPORTATION

The biggest boon to the excursionists at the Elks was the elevator -- for after all, it's a long haul to carry a load down that far, or up that high. There is no shortage of wood at the Elks now that the party is over.

The host of the evening, our CO, 1st Lt. Anthony, was on hand all evening to guide the affair along the proper channels. (And there is no doubt that it did run along the proper channels). Second Lt. McKinney, the father and mother of the idea, made sure the entertainment went according to plan.

With the ten-piece SAACC orchestra playing, the music flowed smoothly during the entire evening. There certainly was no complaint on the score of the music. **PERSONALITIES IN THE NIGHT**

Sgt. Robert V. Cavanagh was present with his blind date. She wrote her address in Braille, and Bob has promised not to go out with any more blind dates.

Cpl. Carlton Tanner looked as though he were walking on a rotating round table, for he must have covered every table in the place. Then they covered up Carlton.

Cpl. Phillip Ridenhour went

since a large number of men have expressed interest in the game. At first glance there looks to be a number of players with the experience needed. No All-Americans, but some good stuff, anyway. Lt. Johnston is coach of the team. If it turns out as well as the football team, the scores of the games hardly tell the true story. It was a good little organization and the members deserve a lot of credit for their work.

A few promotions have just come through to the extreme pleasure of the recipients. Congratulations to newly made Corporals: Tasner, Dorton, and Bartoli; Sergeants: George Reeve, W.L. Smith, and John Curtis, and to M/Sgt. B.F. Buchanan, Post sergeant major.

That's it for the time being, except for this: Somebody once invented the expression, Climate of Public Opinion. At this writing, the climate of this Post seems to be quite humid, and of all the problems, the one most talked about and the one that most men seem to hope will be corrected soon is the one that keeps EM of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades from living with their wives. Chaplains or someone, please note.

out for about three minutes and came back with three lovely young ladies. These mail clerks, they certainly get the female. (Joke! Joe Miller 1895 edition).

Cpl. Francis A. Kelly of the Bronx, came home with his raincoat on backward. Presumably that was to confuse the populace as to the direction of his travels. While walking backwards he looked as if he were walking forwards. You get the idea. The good groundskeeper also got the idea -- a little later though.

S/Sgt. Harold B. Berkey was seen purring into the shell-like ear of one of the GI belles. He looked almost like Boyer with Lamarr in the Casbah, although then perhaps Boyer's rouser was at the local dry cleaners.

Cpl. Seigel W. Grove almost went the way of all flesh while looking for his Juliet on the balcony. He slipped but being a PT man, he probably should have only bounced once or twice.

Pvt. William E. Wood had trouble getting his cigar into his mouth, what with his foot always there a little sooner. He was with two ladies.

Sgt. Enos B. Slaughter, with his charming wife, arrived after the main course was served. This is the first meal that we have seen the "Country Flyer" miss. They serve breakfast in the morning.

Maybe our visitor, 1st Sgt. Richmond E. Jones of Hq. and Hq. Sq. had his head in the clouds, but he was having a wonderful time.

The "Count", Stephen Visalli, did look the part. He has a cer-



tain way of holding the cigarette that drives all the girls wild. He was really spreading the royal purple for the girls.

1st Sgt. Ralph Houser attended minus the Mrs. He probably missed her, but never showed it, or perhaps it was all a part of being the perfect host.

Who killed Cock Robin, or, who took Cpl. William Gilbert home?

One thing is certain, above all else, that is another similar evening would be welcomed. The morale of the 885 is now even higher, in percentages, than the total War Bonds purchased in the last drive.

## CONVALESCENT PATIENTS WRITE FOR BULLETIN

Patients in the Station Hospital keep busy writing for THE BED Tagger, a new bulletin started by the Convalescent Training Program to let the patient keep busy while he recuperates.

The editor, Sgt. C. F. McDonald started the bulletin several weeks ago and two issues have appeared. It is a weekly one sheet mimeo paper that is dependent upon contributions from patients and the Medics.



"THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, HONEY.  
YOU'RE SUCH A DARN SWELL COOK....."

Sorting the mail at the Center's main post office is a job that involves hundreds of men and women.

Upper left, S&T. Robert J. Masak of Hq. and Hq. Sq. and four helpers unload the morning mail. Upper right is the sorting of Christmas packages. Lower left is S&T. William Summer, another

## MAIL SYSTEM FLOURISHES IN MIDST OF HOLIDAY RUSH

Citing the experience of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center as more or less typical of those of all army posts, Capt. William C. Walker, postal officer of the center, recently gave some useful advice concerning the mailing of packages and letters to soldiers during the Christmas rush.

Captain Walker, who has a considerable job at all times as head of Cadet Center's own big mail system, first defined the rush period as Dec. 10 through 24.

After first giving the usual advice to mail early, he pointed out there is much duplication of names among addressees—the Cadet Center has several hundred Smiths — and that it helps a lot if an addressee includes a soldier's serial number.

He advised that persons sending registered mail — to soldiers at the Cadet Center, at least — should not restrict delivery to addressee only. The reason for this is that the piece of mail has to be delivered by the Post Office Department, and is not turned over to the Army for delivery which usually results in some delay.

Captain Walker, also states that it is useless to send money to the Post's personnel by special delivery. Special deliveries are

not made on the Post, so the extra cost is wasted.

It is very unlikely, however, that any insured or registered mail sent to the Post will ever be lost, according to 1st Lt. Albert J. White, assistant postal officer, in charge of the Cadet Center post office serving the Post's Classification Center, which completes complete records on this sort of mail for the whole Post.

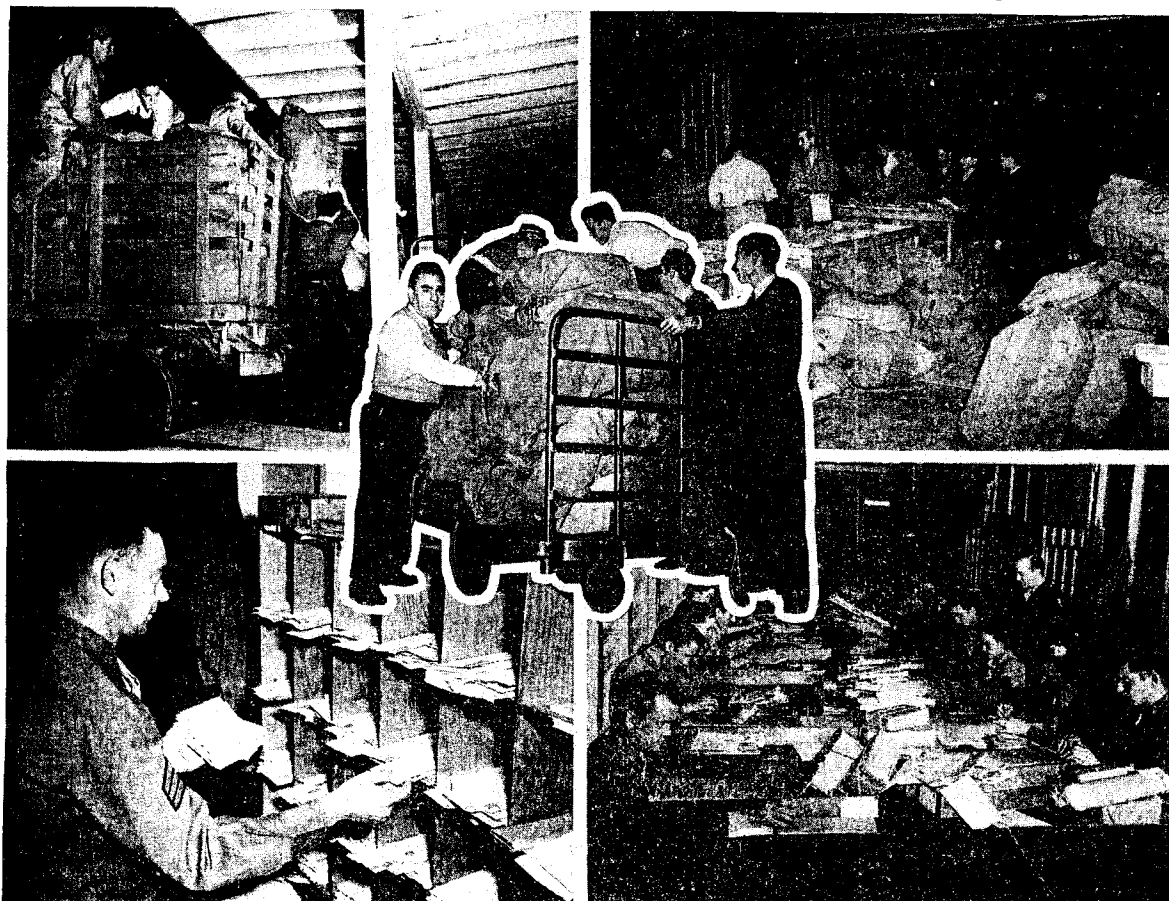
One of the main jobs of the Center postal system is checking on improperly addressed mail. About 10,000 such pieces are checked on daily in the locator files of the Post's information building, which stands near the main postoffice in the Preflight section of the Post.

Captain Walker expects that the military and civilian mail workers on the Post will handle an average of between 100,000 and 150,000 pieces of incoming mail daily during the Christmas rush through its three postoffices and its 53 unit mail rooms.

The civilian postal employees of the Center are under the direction of R. K. Taylor, station superintendent of the Cadet Center postoffice.

Lt. Charles B. Anderson is the assistant postal officer directly in charge of locator work.

mail clerk, who distributes the mail to 53 different mail rooms. Lower right illustrates the intricate system used in getting the proper addresses on incorrectly addressed mail—15,000 pieces daily. Center, one of the push carts is taking out the mail to points far and wide, from Kalamazoo to Timbuctoo.





## RECORD SHOP

RECORDS MAKE ATTRACTIVE  
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS  
By S/Sgt. Cliff Hilton

If you've been tearing out your hair trying to figure what to buy for mother, dad, the sweetheart, or someone else on your Christmas list, why not stop a minute and take a few tips on what to buy for all the family?

If it's mom you're worrying about, we suggest the Brunswick Album, #B 1012, featuring Bing Crosby in a collection of early recordings. Victor Young's orchestra handles the accompaniment. As is usually the case, records may be bought singly (75¢ each), or in the set (\$3.50 complete with album). Pairings for this splendid album include: "Out of Nowhere" and "If You Ever Should Need Me"; "Just One More Chance" and "Now That You're Gone"; "I Found a Million Dollar Baby" and "I'm Through With Love"; "Goodnight Sweetheart" and "Too Late".

### DINAH DAD'S DISH

One of the most interesting things we've come across lately is the strange way in which men from 18 to 50 have been receiving the vocal offerings of one Mademoiselle Dinah Shore. Victor has recorded a wealth of material by this delightful dispenser of the vocadance. Of all these, perhaps the greatest set is the album featuring Miss Shore as guest vocalist with the Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street. Dr. Geno Hamilton's commentary, which is included with every album, is one piece of literature no lover of the finer type of music can afford to be without.

### JAZZ CLASSICS FOR THE CONNOISSEUR

If brother happens to be a collector of Le Jazz Hot, all you need do is walk into any record store and ask to see the large variety of jazz albums. Decca has five volumes called "Gems of Jazz", featuring reissues of outstanding recordings of the past two decades. Victor has several top-notch sets featuring such artists as Bix Beiderbecke, Frank Trumbauer, the Dorsey brothers and Duke Ellington. Brunswick offers Chicago Jazz

### HOLIDAY LONG DISTANCE CALLS WILL BE DELAYED

Delays of as much as several hours on long distance calls are expected during the Christmas and New Year's holidays, according to Russell Davis, camp telephone manager. "And we're sorry to say," he added, "that many long distance calls won't get through at all, despite everything we can do."

"Long distance lines, especially those to far-distant points, are crowded every day with important war calls," Davis said. "With holiday greeting calls added, it will be impossible for us to handle calls as we should like."

"The real reason," Davis continued, "that long distance calls will be delayed is that we are unable to build the new lines necessary to handle the tremendous volume. Copper is needed to make guns shoot, and there's just not enough left over to permit us to build telephone lines."

"We know how much a Christmas call back home means to soldiers, and we'd like to handle every call promptly. We just can't do it, however, and we hope that SAACC soldiers will continue to be patient and to understand."



With eyes open to full capacity to take in all to be seen, are from left to right: PFC Bill Black, Pvt. Don Sturgis, Frank Anderson, Howard Lyon, and Jack Allen.

## PIN-UPS COVER 29 UNIT DAY RM.

By PFC Cliff Heise

The center of the recreation activities in the 29 Alt. Tng. Unit is, as in any other squadron, the Day Room. This probably applies to a greater extent in this unit

Classics (B-1007) by Benny Goodman and his boys; Riverboat Jazz by King Oliver, Jelly Roll Morton, and Albert Wynn (B-1010); and Jimmy Noone's Apex Club Orchestra with Earl Hines (B-1006). Columbia features reissues by Bix, Louis Armstrong, Frank Teschenmaker, and practically every other shining star in the field of jazz. If these don't satisfy, there are hundreds of separate records and at least thirty other albums.

### SWOON TUNES FOR SISTER OR SWEETHEART

For the girls on your list, try the "Swooning Seven". Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Ray and Bob Eberly, Dick Haynes, Jack Leonard, and Perry Como have been pitted against each other to vie for the doubtful honor of being the Swoon King. No matter which is your favorite, you probably can get his latest hit done in his own inimitable way.

### SCHEDULE OF CHAPELS IN PREFLIGHT AND CLASS.

(Continued from Page 1)

- (AAPCC) Chapel No. 5, 2000 Christmas Eve Service (Protestant)
- (AAFPS) Service Club No. 1, Midnight Catholic Mass.
- (AAPCC) Service Club No. 2, Midnight Catholic Mass.
- Hospital Building 3751 Christmas Day
- Dec. 25, 1943-Christmas Day
- (AAFPS) Chapel No. 1, 1700 Holy Eucharist (Episcopal)
- 0900 Catholic Mass
- 1000 Protestant Service
- Christmas Musical, "Christmas Carols of Many Lands"
- (AAFPS) Chapel No. 2, 1030 Protestant Christmas Morning Service
- (AAFPS) Chapel No. 3, 0900 Protestant Service
- (AAPCC) Chapel No. 4, 0800 Holy Eucharist (Episcopal)
- 0915 Christmas Service (Protestant)
- 1030 Christmas Service (Protestant)
- 1900 Evening Prayer and General (Protestant)
- (AAPCC) Chapel No. 5 0800 Catholic Mass
- 0900 Catholic Mass
- Hospital Building No. 3751
- 0800 Catholic Mass

because of the smaller group of men composing the Sq. Every man in the unit knows the other personally which is possible only in a small group such as ours

One of the greatest and most unusual assets of our Day Room is the evergrowing collection of pin-up girls that grace the walls. This unique collection includes the men's favorite stars. It was started with a series of Esquire drawings mounted by the "phantom of the 29", Vic Jacobs. (He's now in the Guard Sq. We wonder if he haunts the Day Room there as much as he did the one in the 29.) Shortly after, several of the men decided a collection of actual photos would be better and more appropriate. The Esquire girls were discontinued and PFC Jim Kirby started the present collection with a group of publicity pictures of Hollywood stars acquired from Paramount Studios. These were immediately followed by a group of photos of girls contributed by PFC William Baynard. The collection grew again when Cpl. Bert Benedict came back from Hollywood loaded with photographs personally autographed to the 29 by movie actresses. This



hobby affords a great deal of pleasure for the men, especially S/Sgt. Archie McKellar, who spends many an hour daydreaming over them.

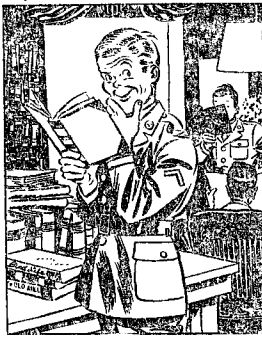
Many of our members are proficient in the art of playing ping pong. The table is in use from 0800 in the morning until far in the night. One usually finds Pvt. Red Endicott and Pvt. Paul Gustafson battling it out with the white celluloid sphere and paddles. Larry Moore has issued a challenge to anyone, male or female. He claims that he is the uncrowned king of the ping pong division. Many an enterprising man has accepted that challenge but few have come out victorious.

Besides using the Day Room for recreational activities, men make good use of it for writing and reading.

## Male Call



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Bagged By A J.A.G.D.



## SERVICE MEN'S SERVICE

By S/Sgt. Cliff Hilton

Many San Antonio stores are offering special service to military customers this Christmas season and probably the most complete can be found at Joske's. Here, for example, the customer can find assistance from a "personal shopper" who will offer suggestions for each and every one on your list. There is no extra charge for this help in choosing your gifts.

## GIFT WRAPPING AT A NOMINAL COST

After selecting your gifts, take them to the wrapping counter in the basement. It's amazing the way those girls can wrap the packages so attractively in such a short time. For only a dime, they'll wrap any gift from a little ring to a set of blankets. Fascinating to watch, the girls are continuously kept busy making flowers by winding multi-colored ribbons around their hands and tying a bow around it. Take it from one who has taken advantage of this fine service, the packages are fit to offer to a king—or a queen, if you so desire.

## EXPRESS AND POSTAL SERVICE, TOO

In addition to those things already mentioned, Joske's have a special department for wrapping gifts for shipment by Railway Express or Parcel Post. Gifts purchased in the store will be adequately packed free of all charge, except, of course, the actual cost of mailing. In the case of items bought elsewhere, they'll ready it for shipment for a very small charge.

## OTHER STORES HAVE SIMILAR SERVICES

Other stores, such as Wolff and Marx, Frost's, the Vogue, and a few

## THE PX GIRL IS "MY PIN-UP"

By Cpl. Anthony J. Nuccio

Too soon after pay day many a buck private, with a family allotment and a laundry bill, finds that he doesn't have enough money to go to town very often.

One thing the soldier misses is the pretty face of a female. About the only spot where that lonely soldier boy can fulfill his desires is with the ever-smiling, untiring gal at the PX.

He will go in to buy some

more, offer similar services, but Joske's is the only one that is truly complete. If getting your shopping accomplished in time for Christmas has been one of your main worries this year, rest at ease.

## USO AIDS IN SHOPPING

Soldier, if your Christmas shopping is bothering you, take your worries to the USO at 326 East Crockett Street, a block and a half back of the Alamo. USO personal shoppers are there every day from 1400 to 1700 and every night from 1900 to 2000 to help you with your Christmas buying.

At the USO they have a list of gifts, prices and stores to help you decide what and where to buy presents for everybody from the kid brother to the favorite girl friend. And if you can't get to town when the stores are open they will even go out and buy the stuff for you.

Also, if your fingers are all thumbs when you try to wrap up packages, the USO shoppers will tie your gifts up in gay paper and then fix 'em for mailing. All this advice and service is free, except, of course, you pay for the presents.

little nick nack and for the little money he advances in payment of the tangible, material things he has purchased, he also feels like paying for that heart-warming smile, that feeling of friendship which is priceless.

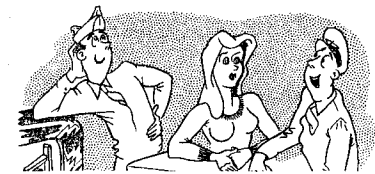
It is always a great place to spend a few idle moments. Upon close observation, in the presence of the PX gals, you can see yardbirds trying to act like generals; others distinctly different from the way you might know them to act ordinarily.

It's definitely part of any post atmosphere. A soldier bent over the counter, a juke box, that look in his eye, and the girl behind it. Comes another, the private steps aside with a slight look of contempt in his eye.

For when he feels she is his alone, along comes the sarge, and mister too. 'Hello, and what can I do for you?'

Another smile for another face, and yet he will never forget the memory of the place.

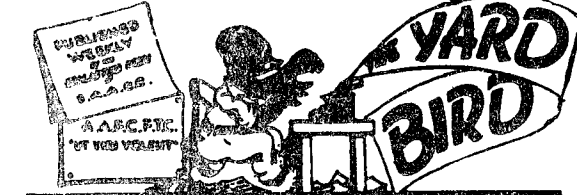
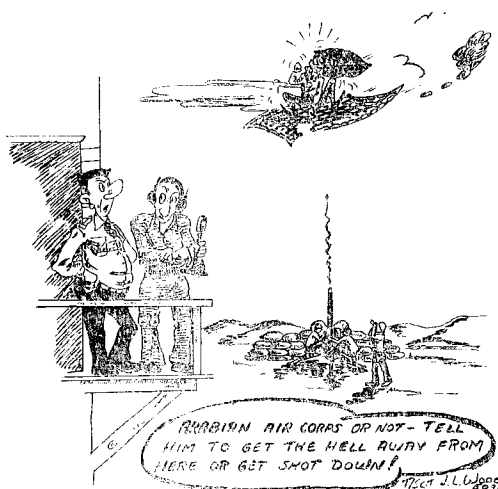
For when the money is low,



and there is no place to go, there will always be a darned good floor show at the PX---the place where we all like to go.

There, faithful forever, a girl smiles, a juke box, ('and how is my beau?')

So around and around it goes, making everybody happy that she knows---THAT'S WHY THE PX GAL IS MY 'PIN UP.'



FROM

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

TO